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REMARKS

The Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough examination of the subject application. Applicants request reconsideration of the subject application based on the following remarks.

Claims 1-6 are pending in the application. Claims 7-59 have been cancelled.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue subject matter cancelled from the amended claims in this or a subsequent application. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the cancelled claims in this or a subsequent application.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-6.

In response to the species election requirement, Applicant elects SEQ ID NO. 6 (homo sapiens). This election is made with the understanding that upon allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim.

The present election is made solely to comply with the Office Action and should not be construed as a surrender of any subject matter of the application. Applicant reserves the right to file divisional application(s) on the non-elected claims.

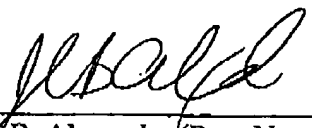
Early consideration of the application and claims as amended is earnestly solicited.

Although it is not believed that any additional fees are needed to consider this submission, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge our deposit account no. 04-1105 should any fee be deemed necessary.

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Respectfully submitted,

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